

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVES (DSE-7):
Fish and Fisheries Zoo-DSE-7

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical			
Fish and Fisheries Zoo-DSE- 7	04	03	Nil	01	Passed Class XII with Biology/ Biotechnology	Nil	Zoology

Learning Objectives

The learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- To offer an insight about the climatic conditions that favours fish growth and reproduction.
- to understand the importance of fish as a rich source of animal protein.
- To learn the basic concepts and knowledge of fish biology and its applications.
- to equip the student with a balanced and complete scientific understanding of fisheries.
- to enable students to learn more technical skills to generate entrepreneurial skills and suitable employment opportunities.
- to acquire knowledge of the pathogenic and pathological basis of fish diseases including infectious diseases caused by viruses, prokaryotes, protozoans, helminthes, vector borne and zoonotic diseases.
- To learn about nutritional deficiencies and lifestyle diseases, endocrine diseases and cancer.

Learning Outcomes

By studying this course, students will be able to:

- acquire basic knowledge of physiology and reproduction in fishes.
- analyse different kinds of water and identify/differentiate among various kinds of fishes.
- equip the students with the knowledge on the procedures for artificial and induced breeding which can be learnt by visiting any fish farm or demonstrated in research labs in college/Departments.
- have more knowledge of the in-land and marine Fisheries in India and to explore ways in which it can contribute to the Indian economy.
- know more about the different methods of fishing and fish preservation

which can be employed for export and storage of commercial fishes.

- develop skills for entrepreneurship or self-employment in fisheries-related business.

SYLLABUS OF DSE- 7

UNIT– 1 Introduction and Classification

6 hrs

General description of fish; Account of systematic classification of fishes (upto classes); Classification based on feeding habit, habitat and manner of reproduction. Brief introduction to transgenic fishes.

UNIT– 2 Morphology, Physiology and Behavior

14 hrs

Types of fins and their modifications; Locomotion in fishes; Hydrodynamics; Types of Scales, Gills and gas exchange; Swim Bladder: Types and role in Respiration, buoyancy; Osmoregulation in Elasmobranchs, Schooling; Parental care; Migration.

UNIT– 3 Fisheries

8 hrs

Inland Fisheries; Estuarine Fisheries, Marine Fisheries; Fishing crafts and Gears; Depletion of fisheries resources; Application of remote sensing and GIS in fisheries; Fisheries law and regulations.

UNIT – 4 Aquaculture

17 hrs

Sustainable Aquaculture; Extensive, semi-intensive and intensive culture of fish; Pen and cage culture; Polyculture; Composite fish culture; Brood stock management; Induced breeding of fish; Management of finfish hatcheries; Preparation of compound diets for fish; Role of water quality in aquaculture; Post harvest handling techniques and Fishery by-products.

Practical

(30 hrs)

(Laboratory periods: 15 classes of 2 hours each)

1. Study of specimens- *Petromyzon*, *Myxine*, *Pristis*, *Chimaera*, *Exocoetus*, *Hippocampus*, *Gambusia*, *Labeo*, *Heteropneustes*, *Anabas* (at least one fish from each class).
2. Study of different types of scales by preparing a temporary/permanent mount.
3. Study of air breathing organs in *Channa*, *Heteropneustes*, *Anabas* and *Clarias*.
4. Demonstration of induced breeding in Fishes and hatchery management (video/visit to fisheries institute/fish farm).
- Demonstration of the setting up of a fish aquarium, and its management/maintenance.
5. Study of parental care in fishes through visual media and resources.
6. Study of different methods of fish tagging.
7. Determination of fish density in a pond by Peterson's mark recapture method.
8. Project Report on a visit to any fish farm/pisciculture unit.

Essential/recommended readings

1. Pandey, K. and Shukla, J.P. (2013) Fish and Fisheries. Rastogi publication, India
2. Chakrabarti, R. and Sharma, J. G. (2008). Aquahouse: New Dimension of Sustainable Aquaculture. DIPAS, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, India.
3. Norman, J.R. A History of Fishes. Hill and Wang Publishers. Khanna, S.S. and Singh, H.R. (2014) A text book of Fish Biology and Fisheries. Narendra, Publishing House.
4. Bone, Q. and Moore, R. (2008) Biology of Fishes. Talyor and Francis Group, CRC Press, U.K.

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1. Srivastava, C.B.L. (2008) Fish Biology. Narendra Publishing House.
2. Jhingran, V.G. (1982) Fish and Fisheries in India. Hindustan Publication Cooperation. India.

NOTE: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.